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My dear Rabbi Lipman:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May twenty-third to the President. Please be assured that if and when the bill you mention is presented to the President for official action it will be given his most careful consideration.

Very sincerely yours,



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Hon. Harry S. Truman  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

It now seems probable that the Senate will pass the McCarran Immigration Act, despite the efforts of many Senators to convince their colleagues that the liberal Humphrey-Lehman Bill is a better one.

I am writing to express the hope that you will veto the McCarran Act as a hopeless amalgam of racism, confusion, and inhumanity.

I do not question the need for an immigration bill, but the McCarran Act will close the doors of this land of opportunity more tightly than any previous bill, despite its claims to the contrary. It is based on an even more peculiar and ignoble racist concept than the original Immigration Act of 1924, in its discrimination against both non-Caucasian races.

For the first time in our history, this bill establishes a second-class citizenship as a legal entity in its discriminatory treatment of naturalized citizens.

I could go on and on; there are so many things wrong with this bill and so few things right with it. But I am confident that you will not permit this act to become law and to blot darkly the record of your administration in the field of decency and respect for human equality.



Respectfully,

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